

# Vienna - Blend of the Modern & the Historic



European cities generally fall into two categories. The first is the centre of political importance, like the old Vienna under the Hapsburg Empire and the modern Berlin, Moscow or Brussels. The second is the classic destination for hunters of romance, such as Rome, Prague or Paris. Modern day Vienna is very much unique in the way that it doesn't fit directly into either of these categories, yet maintains its status as being the cultural capital of Europe. Its absolutely central location is a perfect place for it to be; relatively a stones throw away for most potential visitors.

Vienna is certainly famous for its superb architecture, a blend of the classic baroque style and the modern extravagance. The back streets simply ooze images of the Austro-Hungarian Empire through the buildings on them. The art nouveau culture in the field of architecture seemed to flourish more in Vienna than in most other capital cities of Europe. It cherishes the old dream of splendour and glory. Many visitors leave Vienna with striking images of the city's famous churches, Stephansdom and Stephansplatz, under their belt. These have been described as central Europe's most beautiful churches. Besides the classic scenery from the past are modern coffee shops and tea houses also well worthy of a few clicks from each tourist's camera.

Famous people also bring many travellers to Vienna. The Austrian capital is famous for its great composers, Mozart and Beethoven. Many flock to see the baroque facades behind which these giants of classical composing used to create their masterpieces. Let's not forget another famous resident of the city, Otto Wagner who eventually became a professor at the academy of professional arts after producing such great work.

Apart from being a centre of culture, Vienna's central location makes it ideal for congresses and business meetings. Behind Barcelona, Vienna is in second place for these events in the whole of Europe.

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